

## NORTH HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing Minutes - May 8, 2007

### 1) ROLL CALL

Present when the public hearing was called to order at 7:03 p.m. was Chris Ganotis, Chairman, John Peterson, Treasurer, Brian Chevalier, Stan Knowles and Alternate Lisa Wilson. Lee Brooks arrived at 7:05 after Chris read the public notice item which was duly noticed and posted in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, paragraph II.

Chris Ganotis confirmed a quorum of Conservation Commission members and opened the public hearing at this time.

### 2) PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Consideration to purchase a) a conservation easement on 120+/- acres of land owned by Jane W. Robie at 83 Exeter Road and identified as North Hampton Tax Map 9, Lot 34, and Map 15, Lots 14 and 15; b) a fee simple purchase of two parcels, totaling 29+/- acres, south of Exeter Road, shown as Map 9, Lots 3 and 53; and c) a parcel totaling 11 +/- acres in the Town of Hampton, identified as Map 26, Lot 1 in Hampton. The combined cost of the entire 160+/- acres transaction is to be funded by North Hampton bond funds approved by Town Meeting vote in 2001. The Trust for Public Lands will serve in an intermediary capacity in this transaction.

NH Forever co-chairs Phil Wilson and Tim Harned were present for the hearing. Phil told the Commission members during his presentation that the appraised value is \$1,625,000 not including the Hampton parcel as it is mostly wet. The sale price is \$1,518,000 with either an estimated closing date on or before October 18, 2007 or, sixty days after the purchase and sales agreement is executed. Mrs. Robie has expressed an interest in continuing to hay the land and remove firewood from it.

Phil explained that the restrictions associated with the purchase would qualify for a future CELCP grant application in that the property can count towards the dollar value. He said minor changes would be made in the easement at that time if necessitated by CELCP regarding the haying and usage of firewood.

Chris asked whether Commission members had any comments or questions. There were none.

He then asked for public comments. Hearing no comments from the public at this time, Chris closed the public hearing.

### 3) ADJOURNMENT

**After a motion** by Stan Knowles and **seconded by** Lee Brooks, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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*These minutes were approved by a majority vote of the Conservation Commission at the June 12, 2007 meeting.*